

Appraisal Fair is Sept. 14; United Fund reorganizes, sets \$67,000 goal

Carroll County Historical Society is sponsoring its second Appraisal Fair on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Carroll County Courthouse Rotunda. Rain date will be Sept. 28.

Local area experts will be on hand to give an idea of the value of items brought to the

fair. Their specialties include, but are not limited to: Coins, pottery, antiques and primitives, collectibles, glass and china, and paper and Native American artifacts.

Appraisers will include Doug Davies, Jim Humberg, G.L. Smith, Ed Keller, Don Hickman, Don Burkhalter,

Richard Stringfellow, Howard May, and Dale Bartlett.

Cost will be \$5 per item, with a limit of two items. Proceeds will go to the Carroll County Historical Museum Building Fund.

For more information, call Phyllis Moore, museum curator, at (765) 564-3152.

Comet staff report

Carroll County United Fund board of directors held its annual organizational meeting. Officers elected were: James Huffer, president; Joshua Ayres, vice president; Jean Ann Randle, treasurer; Joretta Tinsman, secretary; and Dennis Randle, campaign drive

chairman. Board members include Nancy Cripe, Katrina Coghill and James Hardison.

The 2008/2009 annual budget was set at \$67,000, a reduction from last year's budget by \$20,000. The United Fund budget was reduced due to declining contributions the past few years. Most recipients of funding either received a reduction in previous pledges or were removed from the budget.

Organizations that will benefit from contributions to the

United Fund include: ARC of Carroll County, Boy Scouts of America, Carroll County Cancer Association, Carroll County Senior and Family Services, Carroll County Food Pantry, Carroll County Special Olympics, Central Indiana Girl Scouts, Family Health Clinic of Carroll County, Salvation Army, Carroll County YMCA, Junior Achievement, and Book Readers & Horn Blowers.

Contributions to the United Fund may be mailed to: P.O. Box 257, Delphi, IN 46923.

Sheriff initiates missing persons program for Carroll County

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer



Burns

Carroll County Sheriff Tony Burns does not want to use the newest program introduced by his department, however he fully supports the concept. "A Child Is Missing Alert" program was activated last week as a collaborative effort between Burn's department and the Delphi and Flora police departments.

Burns said the not-for-profit program based in Florida is a telephone alert system with few restrictions.

"It's just a great way for us to be ready when it's needed," he said.

He explained county prosecutor Tricia Thompson learned about the service while at a recent prosecutor's

conference and shared the information with him when she returned. He said a police officer calls the program and makes a report to sound the alert.

"If law enforcement thinks there's a need for an alert there will be one," he said.

Types of cases handled are missing children, elderly, college students on campus, mentally challenged, the disabled and unconscious individuals without identification. He said notification of law enforcement initiates the service.

When an officer is called and determines a person could be missing, descriptive information will be telephoned to ACIM headquarters in Florida. The service uses a global satellite system to determine a range of area codes to be notified. A recorded message will be sent telephonically to all people with published numbers in the vicinity where the victim was last seen. The message will contain pertinent information about the missing person such as description, clothes worn and time and location last seen.

According to the organization's brochure, those with unpublished numbers, cellular numbers or on "do not call" databases can add their number to the list of potential callers by going to the Web site at www.achildismissing.org, click on the link to add a phone number. No other entity has access to the ACIM database.

The service can place up to 1,000 calls in 60 seconds and there is a 98 percent listen rate by residents and businesses answering telephones. The service will leave a message on answering machines and operates 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

Law enforcement needs no additional equipment, extra phone lines or additional personnel to utilize the ACIM

program. It is offered free to law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

ACIM is financially supported by federal and state appropriations, private and corporate donations, sponsorships, grants and law enforcement forfeiture funds.

"We need more eyes and ears out there," Burns concluded. "This system gives us just exactly that."

Camden

Mary Whitfield
Camden 686-2553

Order of the Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Masonic Temple.

Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library board will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the library's Reading Room.

United Methodist Women will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in the home of Pat Fite. Lesson leader will be Diane Hinkle.

Camden Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in the town hall.

Camden Fall Festival will

be held Sept. 13-14 with Mike Gurnick Jr., chairman. There will be town-wide yard sales, vendors and a swap meet.

Twelve members of Aim Hi E.H. Club met recently at the lake cottage of Sharon Ashby for their August picnic. Jane George was co-hostess. Mary Trapp gave devotions. Prize winners were Barb Jones and Maryanne Berkshire.

Pick-up for the Kentucky Mountain Mission project, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, will be Sept. 27-28 at the Community Building.

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn
Burlington 566-3453

Kiwanis Club will meet at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the fire station for breakfast and meeting.

Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The United Methodist Church is collecting items to send to the Kentucky Mountain Mission between Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Items may be left in the end garage bin on the alley behind the Methodist parsonage. For more information, call the church at 566-3229.

Crossroads Community Christian Church will have a youth meeting Sunday evening at 6.

A Cruise-In will be one of the featured activities at the upcoming Burlington Fall Festival. The event will be held Sept. 21 from 12 noon

to 4 p.m. at the park. Dash plaques will be awarded.

Faith Church of Christ volleyball for junior high age youth through adults will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 11 at the church.



The Need

*FBI statistics indicate approximately 3,000 children and elderly are reported missing daily nation-wide.

*A Washington State Attorney General's office study showed among cases involving children abducted and murdered, 74 percent were slain in the first three hours. There is a 1-in-42 chance of your child going missing. Every 40 seconds a child goes missing in the United States.

*Strangers commit 53 percent of child abduction murders.

*Children as well as the disabled and elderly (often with Alzheimer's) can disappear at any time and under widely varying circumstances

Police & Fire Calls

Police reports are gathered from available records on file at local police departments. This information is a matter of public record and does not imply guilt or innocence. Information for fire reports is also gathered from reports on file with local fire departments.

Delphi Police Dept.

Aug. 23, 3:20 a.m. - OWI with prior. Tracey Moore, 35, Kokomo, was arrested on suspicion of OWI in the Arby's parking lot. Officer Justin Wilson investigated.

Aug. 24, 7:36 p.m. - Battery, 723 E. Main St. A juvenile was a victim of battery by three individuals. Officer Shane Bernhardt investigated, assisted by the county sheriff's department.

Aug. 25, 12:40 p.m. - Property damage, CVS parking lot. Samantha Reyes, 31, Camden, struck a parked car while backing from a parking space. Chief Justin Darling responded.

Aug. 25, 6:10 p.m. - Theft, Blockbuster Video. Case is still under investigation. Wilson responded.

Aug. 28, 12:24 a.m. - Residential entry, 803 E. Columbia St. Door discovered to be open without owner's knowledge. Bernhardt investigated.

Aug. 29, 9:30 p.m. - Vehicle struck deer. CR 650, north of CR 75. Lester M. Klopstein. Wilson investigated.

Aug. 31, 6:08 a.m. - Arson, Canal Park. Delphi Tri-Township Volunteer Fire Department and police responded to an early morning fire at Canal Park. A replica canal boat was found in flames. Officer Paul Vondrasek responded.

Sept. 1, 11:40 a.m. - Property damage accident. SR 25 and US 421. Clayton Tanner Maxfield, 16, Delphi, and Carol A. Rohrbaugh-Mote, 62, Columbus. Sgt. B. L. McCain investigated.

Sheriff's Department Criminal/non-criminal

Aug. 21, 9:15 a.m. - Burglary, 7239N. 900W., Delphi. Handgun stolen from the Jason Scowden residence. Maj. Tobe Leazenby investigated.

Aug. 22, 12:25 p.m. - Theft, 2314W. 1200N., Burnettsville. License plate belonging to Benny Isom was stolen. Deputy John Chapman investigated.

Aug. 23, 6 a.m. - Illegal possession of alcohol by a minor, 12065 N. Upper Lakeshore Dr., Monticello. Underage drinking party discovered and 10 juveniles were taken into custody. Deputy Jason Dunning investigated.

Aug. 23, 12:45 p.m. - Criminal mischief, 11100 block of N. Sugar Bluff Rd., Jefferson Township. Boat tarp was damaged. Deputy Jay Schimmel responded.

Aug. 23, 1:40 p.m. - Criminal information, 700 block of W. CR800S. Identity deception reported in Democrat Township. Schimmel responded.

Aug. 23, 2:49 p.m. - Criminal mischief, 6300 block of N. CR265W. Windows broken at a residence in Rockfield. Schimmel responded.

Aug. 23, 10:34 p.m. - Property damage/leaving the scene, 800W. near 100N. Driver fled the scene and later identified. K-9 Deputy Tony Liggitt investigated.

Aug. 24, 8:47 a.m. - Criminal mischief, 3100 block of S. 400E. Complaint from a resident in Burlington Township. Schimmel responded.

Aug. 25, 7:52 a.m. - Criminal mischief, 800 block northeast of Yeoman. Back hoe windows broken. Sheriff Tony Burns investigated.

Aug. 25, 8:30 a.m. - Fraud, 5766 N. 575E., Camden. David Collins paid for an item over the Internet but did not receive it. Sgt. Dennis Randle investigated.

Aug. 26, 5:33 p.m. - Theft, 8400 block of N. 100E. Tools stolen from a barn belonging to Mark Justice of Burrows. Schimmel investigated.



New Lafayette office

The campaign of Democratic candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Jill Long Thompson and Dennis Oxley, have opened a Lafayette campaign office. The office is located at 2535 S. 30th Street #1.

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